



BICAMERAL TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate Change

There is a scientific consensus that climate change is happening, that it is caused primarily by human activities, and that its impacts are already being felt. Temperatures are routinely breaking records. Extreme weather events are increasing in severity and frequency across the globe. Premier national and international scientific, governmental, and academic organizations are sounding the alarm for an effective policy response. Moreover, a recent poll conducted by Yale University and George Mason University found that a large majority (77%) of Americans say climate change should be a priority for the President and Congress.

The Administration has taken some important steps to begin addressing the challenge, but much more must be done.

Purpose of the Task Force

Congress plays an important role in seeking solutions to the threat posed by climate change. Although opponents have blocked Congressional efforts to take action, alarming developments have brought this issue to the forefront. The Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change will be a resource for Members of Congress to generate and discuss ideas, share those proposals and coordinate efforts with House and Senate leaders on climate change to develop effective policies, and help to focus public attention on this urgent challenge.

Organization

The Task Force is comprised of a co-chair from each chamber of Congress and members of both the House and the Senate. Membership is open to all members of Congress, regardless of political party, who recognize the importance of climate change and the need for an effective policy response. The co-chairs of the Task Force will convene meetings of the Task Force, seek relevant information, and release timely reports, memoranda, and correspondence as appropriate and work with House and Senate leaders on climate change in furtherance of the purpose of the task force.